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ABU DHABI PASS TO TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON

1. THE LNG BRIEFING PAPER PREPARED FOR TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON'S TALKS IN ABU DHABI HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT FORD'S ENERGY MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 26, THE TALKING POINTS OF THAT PAPER SHOULD BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

-- THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED THE ENERGY RESOURCES

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COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING PROPOSED

LNG CONTRACTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

-- THE PURPOSE OF THIS REVIEW IS TO BALANCE THE
NEED FOR GAS SUPPLIES WITH THE NEED TO AVOID EXCESSIVE
DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN SOURCES.

-- IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE GOALS THE ADMINISTRATION
HAS SET AN LNG IMPORT TARGET OF ONE TRILLION CUBIC FEET
PER YEAR BY 1985.

-- ONLY TWO LNG IMPORT APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN
APPROVED TO DATE BY THE FPC. HOWEVER, THERE ARE
SEVERAL OTHER IMPORT APPLICATIONS FOR ALGERIAN AND
INDONESIAN LNG CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY THE FPC.

2. RELEVANT EXCERPTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S JANUARY 26
ENERGY MESSAGE AND A FACT SHEET ATTACHED TO IT ARE
DETAILED IN REFTEL. INGERSOLL

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